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ONLINE BILINGUAL (ENGLISH/SPANISH) SURVEY SEEKS COMMUNITY INPUT ON RAILWAY GRADE CROSSINGS

City of Berwyn teams up with CMAP, BNSF for Input as Part of Federal Grade Crossing Study

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is working together with the City of Berwyn, the Village of Riverside, the BNSF Railway, and other stakeholders to study crossings of the BNSF Railway from Ridgeland Avenue in Berwyn to Delaplaine Road in Riverside, including Harlem Avenue (Illinois Route 43).

Using technical information and public engagement, the study will determine whether there is a need for an improvement, and will identify a range of solutions to address that need. We also expect to screen those potential solutions to identify alternatives to carry forward in a potential future engineering process. For such alternatives, we also expect to develop an early, planning-level cost estimate and initial funding strategy, both of which can help Berwyn and Riverside decide whether a project should move forward.

CMAP will be using the Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) process, including federal coordination. CMAP is providing the funding necessary to support this planning initiative.

The study will consider such issues as travel-time reliability, emergency vehicle access, access to MacNeal Hospital, access to transit stations, access to nearby businesses, economic development, historic preservation, and pedestrian and motorist safety.

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